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Editors Corner

Family History Month

August is NZSG Family History Month. If you are in Hamilton on Friday 26 and Saturday August 27, the NZ Family History Fair is on at Claudelands Events Centre. Details at <http://www.nzfamilyhistoryfair.org.nz>

Closer to home there are lots of activities in Wellington organised by a group of branches. These include a series of evening speakers, lunchtime talks, advice and tours of local facilities. Pick up a brochure at our Alison Procter Family History Research Centre.

When using Findmypast.com **DO NOT** click "SIGN OUT" to close Findmypast just close the web page.

If you have any items to submit to the newsletter email Sue Greene at sueg-97@xtra.co.nz or tel: 063648196. **Copy closes the 2nd Wed each month.**

Membership

We have 259 members as at Aug 7 2011.

YURU Coordinator

WHY YOU ARE YOU -WHY DO WE DO IT



By the time you read this newsletter our 2011 production "The Ancestral Dance" with Sir Jon Trimmer at Southwards will be a couple of days away and we will also be preparing to take the show to the Family History Fair in Hamilton. So if you get round to reading it before Thursday 18 August and you haven't bought tickets - you might be lucky by turning up at the door! The evening session is the best bet for door sales. Why do we do it? Good question at panic time which is about now when the production team and our band of volunteers are praying that it all works out and we've sold lots of tickets. The prime purpose of YURU, now in its fourth year of production, is educational. While it is a bonus of a little light relief for Branch members and those well into genealogy, the focus is the wider public. Involving a well known identity as our guest, is another opportunity to introduce the addictive pastime of genealogy to those that are thinking about it but haven't got round to it yet. It is not primarily a money making venture although obviously there are some quite substantial costs which need to be covered and a little profit on the side keeps our Treasurer happy! There is a lot of work involved but lots of pleasure in working with our guests and sharing their family stories.

Our trip to the Hamilton Family History Fair is the first time we have taken YURU out of the district. It is a cost sharing venture with the FHF management, and some of the

expenses will be covered through the NZSG Ted Gilberd Literary Trust. We will be assessing the results before deciding whether going on tour is a regular feature of this activity.

YURU is a trademarked activity of NZSG, for which Kapiti Branch has production rights. We are already planning next year's event and have a shortlist of names who we are about to approach, so watch this space.

We need more expertise for our production team and will be appealing for specialist assistance as we go into the 2012 season.

Clive Palmer.

Meetings

Alison Proctor Family History Centre. Upstairs in the library. APFHC Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street. (near the Paraparaumu Library.) KCC. Start time 7pm supper, 7.30pm Q & A session sharing experiences, 7.45pm guest speaker.

For full details go to the branch web site at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nzlsgkb/> Click on programmes.

Meetings coming up:

August Branch Meeting.

KCC. Tuesday August 23rd

The History of Photography. Bill Main.

Bill has published several books dealing with various aspects of New Zealand's photographic past and social customs, the most significant being ***New Zealand Yesterdays*** – Readers Digest 1984 which he co-authored with Hamish Keith.

Although he does not proclaim to be a photographer, his years of involvement in the Fine Arts have helped to establish him as an expert in New Zealand's Photographic past, with many papers and articles published both locally and internationally. In 1994, he represented New Zealand at the European Society for the History of Photography Conference in Norway.

His hobbies and interests evolve around collecting Photographica specifically postcards and giving authentic Edwardian Magic Lantern shows for charitable causes. In 1999, he sold his collection of cameras which had connections to notable NZ photographers, to ***Te Papa Tongarewa, Museum of New Zealand***. He is a member of the New Zealand postcard Society and has written extensively on this subject.

AUGUST.

Friday August 26th. Family History Month visits. Archives NZ and Alexander Turnbull Library. 9.45-10.45 and 11-12pm. Wellington.

SEPTEMBER.

Thursday September 22nd. 10.30am Branch visit to Archives New Zealand. If interested contact Kathy Callaghan. Tel. 042970733 Email.

kjcsinger@yahoo.co.nz Further details to come.

Tuesday Sep. 27th. Branch meeting Tony Looorporg, Estonian Honorary Consul.

OCTOBER.

Tuesday Oct. 25th. Branch meeting. Using Census returns. At the KCC.

Interest Groups

FTMUG (Family Tree Maker user group), LUG (Legacy User Group), IIG (Irish Interest Group), CFG (Computer friendly Group), AIG (Australian Interest Group), SIG (Scottish Interest Group)

SEPTEMBER

Sat Sept 10 Irish Interest Group (IIG) 9.30-12.00noon APFHC
Mon Sep 12 CFG 7.30pm KCC Using Virtual Libraries online
worldwide Tues Sept 20 AIG 10am to 12noon APFHC

OCTOBER

Sat Oct 8 Irish Interest Group (IIG) 9.30-12.00noon APFHC
Mon Oct 10 CFG 7.30pm KCC Investigating sites to submit your family tree
online Tues Oct 18 AIG 10am to 12noon APFHC
Sat Oct 29 FTMUG 9.30am to 12.30pm KCC
Sat Oct 29 LUG 12.30pm to 4.30pm KCC

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members. Nik RENWICK, Alison LAURIE, Robert ASHMAN and Margaret DEAN.

Tea makers for the August branch meeting. S-Z.

Alison Procter Family History Centre – what's on

Open 7 days a week, Paraparaumu Public Library, Mezzanine Floor during Library hours. See our website for details of the extensive book, microfiche and CD collection plus access to 4 PCs and several microfiche readers. This is the core of our services to members. Access is by presenting your membership and library card at the Information Desk on the Ground Floor. Check out the User Guide in the drawer unit for computer access codes and other information. FREE access to ancestry.com, findmypast.com, New Zealand Gazette Archive and heaps of other web based sites.

We apologise for cancelling the late afternoon session on Thursday July 21. Our volunteers suddenly dwindled with illness and unforeseen other commitments so we played safe. Consequently we will hold the session on using NZ BMD records on Thursday September 29th from 5pm to 7.45pm. We are looking at the future of these sessions. Your suggestions would be welcome.

Help Sessions

Every Wednesday 10am to 12noon – help with your research, volunteers on hand to give guidance. Dates for **Sep. Wed 7,14,21,28. Oct. Wed 5,12,19,26**

FamNet

Go to <http://www.famnet.org.nz/> and log in.

Have you tried Ask an Expert? Once signed in click on Community, Ask an Expert.

Ask an Expert

Use this blog to pose questions to our panel of experts, particularly questions of the type "How do I find information about?". Questions and responses may be published in FamNet newsletters, inviting further responses from the wider FamNet membership.

This site is free to use to all Kapiti Branch members until 2012.

On the Web This Month

WOMEN IN BUSINESS CELEBRATED IN NEWLY RELEASED RECORDS
Celebrated British companies Cadburys, Barclays, Rolls Royce,
Lyons, and Harrods all included*

Set against the backdrop of the early twentieth century, when women were fighting for their civil rights, new historical records launched today show women defied the prejudices and challenges of the time to become successful business leaders. The newly released Business Index Collection <<http://www.findmypast.co.uk/search/business-index>>, published today by leading family history website www.findmypast.co.uk and in association with the Society of Genealogists, is available online for the first time, over 100 years after the indexes were first published in print. The Business Indexes are directories of how Britain's business landscape shaped up between the early 1890s and 1927. They contain images and details of Britain's shopkeepers, businessmen and women, as well as captains of industry. The records also feature a short biography, detailing the entrant's prominence in local society, their memberships of corporations and/or clubs, the hobbies or leisure activities they enjoyed, as well as charities and other institutions that they may have been involved in. This information provides a unique insight into the individual's character, which is extremely difficult to find elsewhere in such a comprehensive form. Members can use Findmypast free at Alison Procter Family History Centre.

Remittance Men.

Note that in 19th century usage a **remittance man** was someone (often a black sheep) exiled overseas and sent an allowance on condition that he not return home. As a general term remittance man or remittance woman could mean anyone living away from home supported mainly by their family in a different house, neighborhood, city, or country regardless of their reason for being there. Such a person may be seeking business fortune, education, extended vacation, a new place for the family to move, employment, or safety from personal, family, or legal troubles.

Within Victorian British culture, this often meant the black sheep of an upper or middle class family who was sent away (from the UK to the Empire), and paid to stay away. These men were generally of dissolute or drunken character, and may have been sent overseas after one or more disgraces at home. There were also "remittance men" in several towns in the American and Canadian West. There are very few indexes online, Pearls Pad has quite a good list of names.

Colonial Outcasts.

<http://pearlspad.net.nz/ColonialOutcasts.htm>

Some good sites for Convicts.

To Aussie.

<http://members.iinet.com.au/~perthdps/convicts/index.html>

Claim a Convict

<http://www.claimaconvict.net/>

Female Factory

<http://www.femalefactory.com.au/convlinks.htm>

Rootsweb main page and the Rootsweb Chat.

Rootsweb site

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/> Rootsweb chat <http://www.rootschat.com/>

July 26 Evening Meeting *By Frances Braddick.*

Emerson Vandy spoke on Papers Past, and A to J's, and gave us some indications about what is planned for National Library. He showed excellent rapport with those who came to the meeting with questions and discussion flowing freely.

He invited members to write to him with suggestions for further digitisation and inclusion of newspapers on Papers Past. I'm sure all, including experienced genealogists, gained ideas for future research. Here is his example of how to better access information on Papers Past."

Palmerston North Branch NZSG

**Genealogy Research Day
with a spotlight on shipping
Saturday, 10th September
2011 9.30 am – 4.00 pm
At Kilwinning Lodge, Church Street
(opposite 'Farmers' and Ashley
St) Entry \$10**

**10.00 am Speaker Dr Graham Langton from Archives NZ – 'Immigration'
Shipping & Immigration resources and advice on hand throughout the day**

***Introductory talks on Papers Past & Electoral Rolls Genealogy
beginners advice available***

**Book a consultation to help break down your brick wall *Large range of
resources available for research Raffle - grocery hamper Free tea and coffee*
- Bring your own lunch or eat out Contact phone numbers: Anne 358 5293
or Mary 354 3567**

Lots of research resources available. Microfiche, CDs, and local indexes.

**Ships and passenger lists, books, magazines and lots more...
Additional Library Resources from NZSG Library Panmure**

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